

Truro Board of Health Minutes
Tuesday, September 18, 2007
4:00 pm-Truro Town Hall

Members: Dianne Eib-Chairman, Mark Peters-Clerk, Tracey Rose, Amanda Reed, Alternate, Tim Rose (arrived 4:06 p.m.), Lucy Brown-Vice-Chairman-absent

Present: Pat Pajaron, Susan Travers, Chris Wickson

Meeting Convened Dianne Eib convened the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Review/Approve Minutes for September 4, 2007

Mark Peters moved to approve the September 4, 2007 minutes, seconded by Tracey Rose. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.

REPORTS

Water Resources Oversight Committee

No report.

Health Agent's Report

11 Old Firehouse Road

Ms. Pajaron updated the Board on the status of 11 Old Firehouse Road. The new well was installed and the water tests indicated the water quality was below trace.

North Truro Camping Area

Ms. Pajaron contacted the former health agent, Sue Rask if the two homes located on the property had upgraded the septic systems. Ms. Rask does not recall the septic systems being upgraded. Pat Pajaron will be sending a letter to the owners informing them to upgrade the septic systems and will report back to the Board.

Flu Clinic

A Flu Clinic has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 30, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Truro Public Library with 160 doses available. The clinic will not have age restrictions this year.

Planning, Conservation Commission and BOH Working Group Report

No report.

****Tim Rose arrived at the meeting 4:06 p.m.****

Request for a Title 5 Variance-Filardi & Rubin, 9 S. Bridge Path

Chris Wickson, from East Cape Engineering, discussed the Title 5 variances requested for 9 S. Bridge Path. The property is an existing four bedroom dwelling on a 2.41 acre parcel served by a well and a 1978 code Title 5 installed in 1984. The total number of rooms is ten which was counted by the health agent. The house was constructed in 1984 and the garage-studio-exercise room was constructed in 1995. In the same year the ZBA approved a special permit for a 596 sq. ft. apartment on the basement level. The variances requested by East Cape Engineering were as follows:

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Request for a Title 5 Variance-Filardi & Rubin, 9 S. Bridge Path

Reductions Requested to Town of Truro Board of Health Regulations:

1. 74' +/- to the 100' required setback for proposed septic tank to top of coastal bank.
2. 73' +/- to the 100' required setback for proposed pump chamber to top of coastal bank.
3. 75' +/- to the 150' required setback for proposed soil absorption system to top of coastal bank.

Due to existing environmental constraints such as a coastal bank on the north and east side of the property, and the location of abutting wells and sewage disposal systems the proposed location of the soil absorption system cannot meet full compliance with Title 5 and local setback requirements. The health agent recommends the following:

1. A deed restriction limiting the number of bedrooms to four. Such deed restriction, with evidence of recording, must be presented to the Health Agent prior to issuance of the Disposal Works Construction Permit for the system.
2. No increase in design flow or square footage of the existing dwelling be allowed (due to the 25% reduction in the SAS).
3. The septic tank must be pumped at two year intervals.
4. The existing system must be pumped dry and filled with clean soil before the new system is in service, or the system removed and the resulting void filled.

Mark Peters moved to grant the variances as follows according to the health agent's recommendation: 1. A deed restriction limiting the number of bedrooms to four. Such deed restriction, with evidence of recording, must be presented to the Health Agent prior to issuance of the Disposal Works Construction Permit for the system. 2. No increase in design flow or square footage of the existing dwelling be allowed (due to the 25% reduction in the SAS). 3. The septic tank must be pumped at two year intervals. 4. The existing system must be pumped dry and filled with clean soil before the new system is in service, or the system removed and the resulting void filled, Tim Rose seconded the motion for the sake of discussion. The Board discussed the need to use flow-restrictor devices on all faucets and shower fixtures and/or retrofitting of the toilets in the house to low-volume flush toilets. **Mark Peters amended the motion to include requiring the property owners to use/install flow-restrictor devices on all faucets and shower fixtures and/or retrofitting of the toilets in the house to low-volume flush toilets if not pre-existing, seconded by Tim Rose. Vote: 5-0, unanimous.**

Miscellaneous Business

Discussion of Hazardous Waste

Mr. Bob Holt, the Chairman of the Recycling Committee, sent a letter to Ms. Eib informing her and the Board that a trash hauler has had a problem with a customer discarding hypodermic needles into regular trash.

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Discussion of Hazardous Waste

Mr. Rose outlined the Transfer Station's procedures for accepting "sharps" which are considered hazardous waste. Ms. Eib responded to the letter by stating that the customer has been given "sharp" containers and the trash hauler has offered to bring the container to the transfer station.

Water Samples

BOS member Gary Palmer, the Board of Health's liaison asked Ms. Eib to discuss with the Board the water testing results after the Water Resources Oversight Committee has met on Thursday September 20th.

Dump Dance

Tim Rose discussed the possibility of asking the Board of Selectmen to not allow holding the Dump Dance at the Transfer Station during Truro Treasures weekend in 2008. Mr. Rose feels the Transfer Station is an unsanitary and unsafe environment and an alternative site should be considered. Mark Peters asked if the Board could take this issue under advisement and discuss the possibility of an alternative site after the first of the year. Dianne Eib requested that a representative from the Truro Treasures Committee be invited to discuss this issue. Amanda Reed suggested asking Phil Smith to attend the meeting since he has organized the dance in the past.

Adjournment- Mark Peters moved to adjourn at 4:37 pm, seconded by Tim Rose.
Vote: 5-0, unanimous.

Dianne Eib, Chairman

Tracey Rose

Absent
Lucy Brown, Vice-Chairman

Tim Rose

Mark Peters, Clerk

Amanda Reed, Alternate